

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An anti-theft case for miscellaneous items, particularly for videocassettes, DVD, compact disks, cassette tapes and the like, comprising:

a first half-case;

a second half-case hinged on a first side to a corresponding first side of said first half-case through hinge means;

opening and closing means separate from the first half-case, and from the second half case placed in order to engage a second side of said first half-case opposite to said first side of said first half-case and a second side of said second half-case opposite to said first side of said second half-case in order to allow opening and closing said anti-theft case; and

locking and unlocking means adapted to lock and unlock said opening and closing means in their operating positions;

wherein:

said first half-case has a shape and a size that are identical to a corresponding shape and size of said second half-case;

said opening and closing means are shaped as an elongated slider and are inserted into a seat obtained in said first and second half-cases; and

said locking and unlocking means are composed of a cylindrical pin adapted to go in and out of a seat obtained in said opening and closing means.

2. (original) The anti-theft case according to Claim 1, wherein said anti-theft case is further equipped with resilient means operatively connected to one of said first or second half-cases and to said opening and closing means, said resilient means being adapted to push said

opening and closing means in an opening position when they are unlocked by said locking and unlocking means.

3. (original) The anti-theft case according to Claim 2, wherein said resilient means are composed of an elongated plane lamellar spring.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The anti-theft case according to Claim 1, wherein said first and second half-cases are equipped, on the side where said opening and closing means operate, with at least one groove adapted to engage a corresponding pin of the opposite half-case in order to guarantee a better closing seal of said anti-theft case.

6. (currently amended) The anti-theft case according to Claim 1, wherein said opening and closing means are equipped with a plurality of recesses adapted to engage corresponding projections of said first and second half-cases in order to ~~realise~~ realize a closing of said anti-theft case, and with holding hooks.

7. The anti-theft case according to Claim 1, wherein the seat of said opening and closing means is equipped with walls for enabling a sliding of said locking and unlocking means and with at least one holding shoulder for unmovably holding said locking and unlocking means in a closing position.